

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Buckley, Supervisor Nicholson, Supervisor Clancy, Supervisor La Violette, Supervisor Zima
Also Present: Cullen Peltier, John Gossage, Todd Delain, Supervisor Robinson, Dave Lasee, Doug Schneider, Neil Basten, Jeff Jansen, John Vander Leest, Melissa Spielman, other interested parties.

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick Buckley at 11:00 am.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

The agenda was modified to take Item 16 under Emergency Management.

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to approve as amended. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of July 1, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public.

Mary Kelly from Joshua addressed the Committee. She stated that at the July 1 meeting of this committee she asked on behalf of Joshua's mental health task force that the jail increase staff for 24/7 medical coverage along with a psychiatric nurse practitioner at a minimum of 20 hours per week. She clarified that what Joshua is specifically requesting is RN staff to satisfy the 24/7 coverage, Sunday through Saturday, as the medical staff and she re-stated the earlier request for a psychiatric nurse practitioner versus psychiatric staff as shown in the minutes of the previous meeting.

Kelly continued that RNs have more thorough medical training than CNAs or LPNs in general health and illness conditions and an overall familiarity with medications. However, few are familiar with psychotropic medications used to treat mental illness. She stated that a psychiatric nurse practitioner has specialized training in mental illness and medications that are specific to these illnesses. The individual also has the qualifications to prescribe medications or make informed decisions about medication substitutes in the event that any private psychiatrist-prescribed medications are not allowed or available through the contracted medical pharmacy. Having a part-time psychiatric nurse practitioner would prevent inmates from having to wait up to a week to have their case presented to a psychiatrist that is available three hours per week. This interruption in medical care could cause a significant delay in needed medication for a mentally ill inmate and could result in the start of or the increase in significant anxiety, delusions, paranoia, voices, suicidal thoughts or other mental illness symptoms. As a result, negative behaviors could be seen or interpreted by staff unfamiliar with the history of the individual and result in unnecessary punitive measures. Ensuring that qualified mental illness prescribers are available would prevent problems for the inmate and the staff. RNs cannot prescribe medications and many are not familiar with psychotropic medications. A psychiatric nurse practitioner can recognize symptoms of mental illness and prescribe.

With the estimated one-third of the inmate population in Brown County having a recognizable mental illness and with the number of juveniles in the Brown County Corrections System that may be demonstrating early signs of mental illness, Joshua feels that an individual trained specifically in mental illness is necessary.

Kelly also took the opportunity, on behalf of Joshua, to thank the Sheriff and the Public Safety Committee for supporting their request for increased medical and psychiatric services for the jail. Joshua feels strongly that these services are needed to assure that the medical treatment of all inmates is available in a fair, timely and accurate manner.

Carol Vanden Bush, 726 Country Club Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin also addressed the Committee. She indicated that she is very familiar with health services at the jail as she has a family member who has been affected. She noted that many times her family member would ask to see a nurse for weeks on end. Her family member also did not get the appropriate medication, partly due to the jail not having the medication and partly because some of the drugs for things such as bipolar and ADD and other medications that are sold on the street are not available at the jail. Vanden Bush continued that her family member has been diagnosed with seven different mental illnesses but all she was allowed to see was a tele-psych who did not have any background information on the family member or the diagnosis. She felt that there can be some good improvements at the jail for people with mental illnesses. Also, Vanden Bush noted that once they are released from jail, many with mental illnesses do not have any place to go and they do not have money for medication. She felt it was time to make funds available for a full-time psychiatric nurse so there is someone there at all hours.

1. Review minutes of:

- a. **Fire Investigation Task Force (April 16, 2015).**
- b. **Local Emergency Planning Committee (May 12, 2015).**
- c. **Traffic Safety Commission (April 30, 2015).**

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file Items 1 a, b and c. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

- 2. Communication from Supervisor Zima re: That the Human Services Director and Brown County Sheriff work together to develop a plan to provide a treatment plan for prisoners who presently make up a third of our jail population.**

Chair Buckley asked Sheriff Gossage to comment on this communication. Gossage stated that he had met with Human Services Director Erik Pritzl in May and they talked about some of these issues including mental health issues on EM1s (emergency detentions) when officers do not know where to go with people, whether it be to the Crisis Center, the CTC or the jail. Gossage noted that he and Pritzl are working on these issues and have also been working on trying to get a clinical person from Human Services out at to the jail to assist when someone gets booked into the facility with mental health needs. They also would like to have someone from Human Services available during the release process to help develop a plan and resources to help people succeed upon release and prevent recidivism. Gossage felt that information sharing relates to the continuity of care and those are the issues that need to be addressed. He and Pritzl have also addressed some of the other issues such as the mental health court and other alternatives to incarceration.

Buckley felt that this should be worked on between the Sheriff's staff and Human Services. He noted that he has talked to officers who have had people in squad cars that they do not know what to do with or where to take them for services. Buckley felt that communication needs to be opened up and if there was someone at the jail from Human Services, staff could help expedite the appropriate placement of an individual.

Supervisor Zima stated that he brought this communication because he is aware that one-third of those in jail have mental health issues and asked Gossage how many of those with mental illness are serious criminals. Gossage responded that he has discussed this with Erik Pritzl and determined only a very small percentage of those in jail have a chronic mental health illness. That population typically has very erratic behavior and are usually already in a facility. Gossage stated that there are a number of people in jail with AODA issues along with mental health issues that are being dealt with but it is very difficult to put an exact percentage on it. Zima asked what Gossage felt the percentage would be of people that could avoid being jailed due to mental health issues if they received proper and appropriate treatment before they committed crimes. He indicated that mental illness is not an automatic pass to not go to jail if you commit a crime but he would like to know what percentage of people would not be in jail if they had received long-term or short-term treatment somewhere else in the community. Gossage responded that because of HIPAA laws, jail staff is not allowed to share information with Human Services regarding mental health

statistics or individuals involved or what a person's diagnosis is. The Jail Captain is currently working on an MOU with Corporation Counsel to share information and numbers with Human Services and the Committee. Gossage noted that other counties have similar MOUs in place.

Zima stated he is looking at doing something more than just resolving small problems that exist at the jail and felt that the intake problems are horrendous and ridiculous. He felt there has to be some sort of a system whereby medications that are delivered to the jail are administered to the inmates, even if it means having more staff added. Zima continued that without the appropriate medications, people with mental health issues crash and this leads to much bigger problems. He felt it was a priority to find a way to make sure that the inmates get the medications they need. Zima continued that the bigger problem that needs to be solved is with regard to jail population and the need in the community to provide short-term, long-term and outpatient treatment for those with mental health needs, especially for those that do not have resources to pay. He felt that if people with mental health needs are not stabilized, much more money will be spent than would have been spent by treating them. Zima wants this problem looked at for what it is. The jail is currently at 94% capacity using all of the things that have been done to try to reduce jail population such as the EMP program and the treatment courts. Zima felt limits are being pushed as to when to build a new pod and he recalled hearing that a new pod would cost \$30 million dollars, not including the cost to staff the pod. This is a tremendous figure that will have to be taken care of in the next 10 years if something is not done now. Zima felt the County needs to take a step back and see that of the 30 – 35% of people in the jail with mental health needs, that maybe three-fourths of those people would not even be there if there were proper ongoing treatment options available in the community. He continued that building a wing at the Mental Health Center would not cost anywhere near what a new pod at the jail will cost. Zima felt that the County has to start contrasting the cost of doing something with the cost of not doing something. He noted that the cost of the incarceration system is far more expensive than a treatment program. He felt that things need to be put in perspective and if it means that a facility needs to be built to provide for people that do not have other resources then that is what needs to be done. Zima continued that he has spoken with the representative of Strategic Behavioral Health who is building a hospital in Green Bay and was advised that they would take people without resources only if there was space available and Zima did not feel there would be many beds for treatment of individuals without resources. Zima felt that a comparison between the cost to build and staff a new pod in the jail and build and staff a new wing at the Mental Health Center would be night and day and it is a no brainer that building and staffing a wing at the Mental Health Center would cost much less. Zima continued that it is time to get serious about this, more from the Human Services side, to determine where a facility will be to provide the appropriate care. He noted that he has heard talk about there not being any place for people to go to dry out from heroin addiction and drug and alcohol use. He noted that the County does take care of some of the mentally ill people, but not all of them. There are people with mental illness sitting in jails and homeless shelters and there has to be a better way to take care of this population. He would like Sheriff Gossage work on this with Human Services without any meddling from the County Executive who does not want to raise the tax rate because of his election pledge. Zima felt that if taxes need to be raised to take care of the needs, then that is what needs to be done and he does not have a problem with this because it is time to get real and time for the County to step up to the plate and provide the services that are needed. Zima continued that he has been around a long time and having the experiences that he has had on other boards and committees provided him the capacity to look at the bigger picture and he does not want to sit here talking about small fixes. He would like to look at the big picture as that seems to be the best way to go. Zima stated Sheriff Gossage has the utmost respect from the Committee because he has the capacity to put together an accurate picture of what is going on and he can work with Pritzl at Human Services to put out a plan as to what is needed to handle the needs of the community, no matter how large the needs are and that is the way this should be presented to the County Board and the citizens. Zima felt that when people see how simple it is to make the calculations there should not be a problem going through the County Board. He does not want to have these small problems fixed with band aids; he wants the large overall problems fixed. It is time for Brown County to take care of its people and provide them with the services they need. Zima does not want this studied for the next five years; this is something that needs to be addressed right now.

Gossage felt that Erik Pritzl will add a refreshing view on this matter and indicated that he will contact Pritzl following this meeting.

Supervisor La Violette indicated that she agreed with most of what Zima said and shares his passion in getting this issue resolved. She stated that the state can tax residents and have support from the representatives from the Brown County area, but we sit here and try to figure out where to get money so the people at the jail who are mentally ill can have appropriate coverage and this does not make any sense to her whatsoever. She also knows how government works and she does not want to lose sight of the issue that Joshua brought up and she felt that at the very, very least there needs to be money in the budget for 24/7 medical coverage at the jail. Zima agreed with La Violette but felt that it was still the larger picture that needs to be looked at and the due diligence has to be done to get the issue resolved as it is at panic stage.

Buckley added that government does not move real quick and the Sheriff will be working in conjunction with Human Services, but he said that one of the things that should be looked at is contracting with existing facilities instead of building bricks and mortar. There are other counties in the state that contract out with different hospitals and Buckley felt with the number of hospitals available in Brown County there may be an option to contract out some of the services to expedite what needs to be accomplished. He also noted that studies need to be done to find out what the true and biggest needs are in this area and that is what Sheriff Gossage and Human Services will be working on.

Supervisor Robinson thanked Zima for bringing this communication and indicated that he agreed with the majority of what Zima said. Robinson agreed that these issues are happening at a lot of different levels. He stated that the Human Services Committee has asked the Human Services Director to put together a comprehensive assessment of where Brown County is with regard to mental health and addiction services in the community including what the County provides and where the gaps are. A preliminary report will be presented at the August Human Services Committee meeting which is the same meeting that Supervisor Zima's communication will be taken up at. Robinson is hoping there will be some practical suggestions as to what the County can do. He felt on a small level it is great that the Sheriff has put funds in the budget to support 24/7 medical services at the jail and he feels that the County Board needs to support this. Robinson also felt that the Board needs to consider increased funding for a psychiatric nurse practitioner. He acknowledged that this is an expensive thing, but felt this would be money well spent as it will save money on the other end as well as from a humanitarian perspective.

Robinson continued that with regard to Buckley's comments about contracting with area hospitals, there are members of the Human Services Department that are on a task force to look at what can be done to provide services to people looking for detox from alcohol. The task force is working on a proposal for this in conjunction with the hospitals but this will also take the Board to be involved and supportive because it is going to cost money. Robinson stated that he agreed with Zima in that we have to look at the big picture on this, but he also felt that there were some smaller things that could be done right away.

Robinson stated that the National Association of Counties (NACO) is looking at a large effort around the country to promote better services for mental health in the jails. Brown County may be able to gain information and insight from the examples that NACO is bringing forward. Robinson noted that there are a number of different efforts in our local community that are looking into what can be done on the private side to help with mental health services. He again stated that the County has to be supportive of the ideas as there may be practical ideas that the County will have to fund. He felt that \$150,000 for a psychiatric nurse practitioner may seem like a lot of money, but as Zima stated earlier, it is not very much when you compare it to the alternatives. Robinson concluded by encouraging members of the Public Safety Committee to attend the next Human Services meeting to hear Pritzl's report.

With regard to contracting for services as mentioned above, Zima noted that there are almost no places to contract with. The closest facility is Winnebago and that costs \$1,100 a day. Zima felt that services could be provided in-house for less money. He also noted that it is not all that easy to get into a facility if a person does not have resources. Buckley stated that if the County were to build a facility, the issue of staffing also needs to be taken into consideration. Zima responded that he does not have a problem with investigating these possibilities and he is for whatever the most economical solution is. He is willing to listen to the possibilities but his feeling is that the County needs to have a facility that is sized correctly to fill the needs. There needs to be an appropriate place for law

enforcement to bring someone who needs services instead of driving around with them in the car for hours not knowing what to do with them. Zima felt that the County needs to move quickly on this so that a proposal can be brought forward and a decision can be made.

La Violette felt that everyone in attendance is aware that there are short-term needs for mental illness, but she noted that there are also long-term needs. She also thought there may be State restrictions that limit the number of rooms the County can have at the Mental Health Center.

Gossage noted that officers do not drive around for 12 hours with clients in the car. He did say there have been some extended periods which does not suit anyone well, especially going from facility to facility and having to tell their story over and over. Gossage noted that if people have committed a crime, they cannot be displaced at a mental health facility. As Sheriff he is tasked with keeping the individuals in jail due to the crime being committed. Gossage stated he continues to look at alternatives to incarceration such as day report centers and use of the EMP program.

Buckley noted that in some of the facilities that are out there now, there are occasions when police are called because people get out of control and nobody can communicate with them as to what the mental health issues are because of HIPAA. Gossage agreed and noted that they have asked the CBRFs to have a plan in place so that if something happens at the facility, there is a plan as to where to take a person.

Clancy would like to have a report at this Committee every month as to what the progress is so it doesn't die and so the Committee is well educated when it comes to asking for funding from the Board. Gossage noted that he can definitely provide updates.

La Violette asked what the Sheriff has asked for in his budget for 24/7 healthcare. Gossage responded that he has asked for 56 hours of RN services which would encompass the night shift which should alleviate some of the prescription drug delays. The RN would be on duty and be able to see inmates and look over the drugs coming in to be sure that they are the drugs that they say they are and they match the prescription label and meet all of the formulas the jail deals with. This should expedite the delay in reviewing the patient as well as hopefully provide some assistance with regard to any incident that happens between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. He has also asked for 8 hours of mental health professional staff that will be a master's level counselor. Currently there are 32 hours and adding 8 hours would bring it to 40 hours.

Robinson noted that what Joshua asked for was a psychiatric nurse prescriber which would be about a \$150,000 a year. He felt that what the Sheriff has asked for is great and he is definitely in support of it, but it does not necessarily bring the medical and psych coverage flexibility and level of service that is needed to address some of the concerns that have been raised by Zima. Robinson stated he is not familiar enough with the Sheriff's budget request, so he does not know if that position would be to replace some of the RN staffing or if it would be in addition to the services already in place, but he felt that that level of coverage would be important at the jail. He felt that the best spent money would be in terms prevention as far as detox and AODA services and not so much with the mental health services at the jail, although that is needed as well.

Buckley concluded that we need to allow Gossage and Pritzl to work together to determine what both of their needs are and collectively what the needs are and then figure out solutions. We need to let these individuals do what they were hired to do and bring recommendations forward. Zima stated that any incarceration for a person with mental health issues is a traumatic event which can increase their illness and he would like to get to the point where these individuals are not even getting to the jail.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to have this item as a standing item for monthly updates. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Circuit Courts, Commissioners, Probate

3. Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Safety Communications

4. Public Safety Communications 2015 Five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Public Safety Communications Director Cullen Peltier reported that this plan is brought before the Committee for informational purposes only. It relates to projects that are currently ongoing and are already bonded for and other projects that are still in the exploratory stage.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Medical Examiner

5. Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2015.

Interim Medical Examiner Jeff Jansen stated that the budget is in line with what has been budgeted.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Activity Spreadsheet.

Jansen indicated that numbers are in line as far as investigations. They are a little ahead from last year and equal to the 2013 numbers. Cremations are up which is a trend across the country and Jansen feels that those will continue to go up. There are two pending death certificates and there were four motor vehicle fatalities last month which is a little high. Suicides are also up a little bit and they continue to work with the Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clerk of Courts

7. Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2015 (including 2014 and 2015 comparisons).

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest indicated that comparison numbers from 2014 were provided in the agenda packet at the request of Supervisor La Violette. He stated that expenses are down by \$36,000 and revenues are up about \$17,000 and he feels that they are headed in the right direction. Vander Leest continued that there are currently three open positions and they have been able to utilize current staff to cover the jobs of the open positions which is part of the reason the expenses are down. He anticipates not including the three open positions in next year's budget.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Standing Item per motion at April meeting-- Request for representation from the Clerk of Courts and Courts to attend each meeting through the end of 2015 to provide monthly updates including various reports as requested by this Committee. *May Motion: To refer to the Clerk of Courts office to meet with Corporation Counsel and come back with a recommendation as to at what point GAL bills should be converted to a civil judgment; June Motion: Hold for one month; July Motion: Receive and place on file.*

Vander Leest indicated the he has met with Corporation Counsel and the recommendation on the civil judgments is that the 180 day language be deleted. That way if a party does not pay or not take action they could be brought to court a few times and at that point Corporation Counsel can ask for a civil judgment to be entered. Vander Leest agreed with the recommendation of Corporation Counsel and indicated that sometimes a party cannot be located for quite some time and that really shortens the window of time to work out arrangements before a civil judgment is entered. Vander Leest stated that he has also talked to the Judges on this and they will be changing the language in orders to delete the reference to civil judgments being entered in 180 days.

9. Discussion and possible action re: Timeframe for converting unpaid GAL bills to civil judgments.

Vander Leest did not have anything else to add to this discussion that was not discussed it Item 8 above.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file Items 8 and 9. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Support for Senate Bill 114, resolution to be provided prior to meeting.

Vander Leest stated that he decided to present the information to the Committee to be sure there was support before a resolution was drafted. He stated that this has come through the Clerk of Courts Association and is a bill that would adjust the small claims filing fee. It used to be the County would get \$11.80 for small claims filing and under the new proposal the County would get \$30 and \$20 would go to the general fund. Vander Leest continued that a change was made four years ago concerning the jurisdiction for small claims by raising the dollar amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000. When this change was made, the revenue was impacted by about \$100,000 which contributed to some of the budget issues in the Clerk of Courts office. The proposed bill would provide an increase in the office of about \$140,000. Vander Leest stated that the Clerk of Courts Association has been trying to address this as the State has been taking money away from the filing fees. Vander Leest stated that other counties are bringing this before their boards to garner support as well and this would result in a net positive to Brown County. If the Committee supports this, Vander Leest will bring back a resolution.

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to have Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest bring back a resolution in support of Senate Bill 114 at the September meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Clerk of Court's Report.

Vander Leest indicated that the GAL hearings will begin on August 17 and there are currently 30 cases on the docket. His office sent out letters to 270 parties for 2014 and 2015 bills and about 40 people responded with payments or payment arrangements. He stated that there will be two GAL hearings in September, October, November and December and then starting in 2016 there will be one hearing a month. Those that do not pay within 60 days will be brought into Court. Corporation Counsel will be representing the County's interest in these cases and Vander Leest and Neil Basten will also be attending the hearings to assist in setting up payment plans. His goal is to see \$40,000 - \$50,000 in revenue through this process by holding people more accountable. Vander Leest continued that he has also been working with the collection agency and they have been seeing some increased revenues from that. He felt that things are going in the right direction. He is currently working on the 2016 budget and by leaving the three positions open that he talked about earlier Vander Leest felt that the levy target will be met. He continued that he is continuously looking for ways to do things more efficiently and he has had one-on-one meetings with all staff to work on goals. They still have the Policy and Procedures Committee doing work as well as the Cost Savings Efficiency Committee and there have been positives from both of those groups.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sheriff

12. Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2015.

Sheriff Gossage stated that the Sheriff's Department is tracking on budget and they are at 48% overall of the total budget at this time. He noted that personnel costs are at 47% and overall revenues are at 50%. He noted that jail phone revenues are down due to FCC regulations that were imposed which limit what can be charged for phone revenues.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Key Factor Report through June, 2015.

Gossage reported that the Jail is currently at 94% capacity and there are 102 people out on the EMP program which is working well. They also have 24 releases planned for the week which will bring the jail into a comfortable level going into the weekend. The federal inmates are also tracking well.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Jail Average Daily Population by Month and Type for the Calendar Year 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Budget Adjustment Request (15-43): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

This request is to increase overtime and fringe benefits to reflect participation in a Wis. Dot BOTS Speed Task Force enforcement grant. This task force grant is administered by the Green Bay Police Department and runs the summer months of 2015 only. Increased expenses are offset by grant revenue. There is no tax levy effect.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Budget Adjustment Request (15-44): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

Although shown in the proper format here, this Item was taken during the Emergency Management portion of the meeting.

Interim Emergency Management Director Melissa Spielman noted that a Hazmat's EPCRA equipment grant awarded for the 2015 year was more than originally anticipated. The 20% match requirement for this grant is typically met by using fund balance. This budget adjustment is to appropriate the additional funding and to redistribute to the proper general ledger account. The budget impact is \$3,318.

In 2014, the Hazmat team received a \$1,000 donation for equipment/supplies damaged during a certain incident. This budget adjustment is a request to use fund balance to purchase the replacement equipment/supplies. The budget impact is \$1,000.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Sheriff's Report.

Gossage reported that with the passing of the State budget, the crime prevention foundation bill went into effect. This allows certain counties to add a surcharge to offenders for misdemeanors or felonies. The counties can either opt in or opt out, but what it does is allow money go towards a foundation for which the County creates an oversight board which then would distribute money to crime prevention programs. The County would have to create an ordinance to opt into this and he will bring this forward at the September Public Safety Committee meeting. In the meantime, he can provide documentation as to the steps that need to be taken and the compilation of the oversight board. His thought is to work with the current Crime Prevention Foundation in Brown County which would have very minimal involvement other than that the County Board has a representative on the Committee. Clancy asked if there would be a cost to establishing a Board. Gossage responded that there currently is a crime prevention foundation in Brown County. What they are looking at is raising money through crimes to pay back an offender's debt to society. The money would go to the Clerk's office and surcharge monies would be taken out and sent to the Treasurer's office who will then forward the same to the advisory board to allocate to crime prevention initiatives.

Zima asked Gossage with the procedure was for seized vehicles and asked if there would be any available for different committees who may need them. Gossage explained the procedure and noted that typically the Sheriff's Department uses the vehicles for their own use.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District Attorney – No agenda items.

Emergency Management – No agenda items.

Item 16 was taken at this time.

Other

18. Audit of bills.

No action taken.

19. Such other matters as authorized by law. None.

20. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to adjourn at 12:19 pm. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary